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In the Specification

Please replace the first paragraph on page 12 of the specification with the following paragraph:

pressure range or for applications without pressure. The O-ring seal 64 is fixed in the axial direction between a collar section [[54]] 57 on the inner circumference of the socket section and an abutting means 62. The abutting means 62 is formed with an engagement or latching extension 63 which can enter into latching engagement with a recess 61 on the inner circumference of the socket-like section of the connecting element or connector 50.